Pyrites Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd. and Projects and Development India Ltd. have engaged M/s Credit Analysis and Research Ltd. (CARE) as a Consultant. CARE has been given the task of preparing a comprehensive status paper on the sick fertilizer units in the Public Sector, which *inter alia* includes an overview of the fertilizer industry, industrial sickness in the country, sickness and reasons thereof in the fertilizer sector PSUs and other related matters. The report has not been completed.

Losses of IDPL, Virbhadra

†627. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 5037, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th May, 2000 and state:

(a) what is the amount of loss suffered by IDPL situated in Virbhadra (Rishikesh) till date and its income from production; and

(b) whether there is any possibility to revive this factory, if so, the amount required for its revival or renovation and by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The operations of IDPL, Rishikesh are closed except for marginal production in this unit. Accumulated loss of IDPL, Rishikesh as of March, 2000 was Rs. 510.60 crores (Provisional).

(b) IDPL, Rishikesh is one of the units of IDPL which is a sick company referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). The future of the company would be determined by the proceedings and final decision of the BIFR. It is not feasible to indicate a time schedule for the same.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.